

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (material to be inserted is in underline, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

List of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers,

wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase goods or services from at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and

wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students are contributed by the sponsors and activity providers to the board for the program; wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program; and wherein the youth club-sub-program includes production of a television show[[.]]:

wherein the youth club sub-program includes publishing a magazine and includes producing a computer-network based program; and

further comprising the step of providing at least one board of advisers for advising the managing board, the board of advisers including members having expertise in at least one of the activities provided to the students.

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13. (currently amended) A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers,

wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students from the sponsors and the activity providers are to be contributed to the board for the program; [and]

wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase the goods or services of at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program, and wherein the youth club includes at least one activity selected from the group of producing a television show, publishing a magazine, and producing a computer-network based program[[.]];

wherein the at least one activity includes an intellectual activity wherein the students apply inventive thinking skills in a business setting to develop new products; and

wherein a business organization provides one or more employees to act as mentors to students in applying inventive thinking skills to develop new products.

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